

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

March 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 sermon:

***Jesus is Greater: "Greater than what was"***

**Warm up:** (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) What's the biggest change you've experienced in recent history?
- 2.) What traditions do you (did you) have? Have you ever had to adjust or eliminate those traditions to accommodate something new?
- 3.) If someone were going to change your mind about something, what info would you need? How does that look different depending on topic or item? (say toothpaste vs. going to a different church)

**Digging deeper:** (20-30 minutes)

1. The author of Hebrews is putting together a pretty detailed argument as to why Jesus is greater than the priests that came before him. This was a shock to the system for 1<sup>st</sup> century Jews. How does this perspective change your thoughts and opinions of the religious leaders in passages like Luke 22:66-71 and Matthew 27:11-26 (read these passages). How would you have handled that massive change?
2. The passage continually points to different reasons why the old system is broken. There was someone greater than Abraham, the old priests died, the old way wasn't getting the job done. Read Hebrews 7:23-28 again. How does the author show that Jesus fulfills all of the problems of the old way? Why does this matter, even today?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:9, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, 1 Corinthians 13, John 13:34-35, Luke 6:27-36

What are we to show others? What compels us to share the gospel? How does this motivation shape the way you approach your neighbors; co-workers; family?

**Application:** (5-10 minutes)

How can we avoid falling in the trap of believing that our current way (of life, practice, worship) is the best and only way?

How does this passage further your love for Jesus? How can we show a hurting world that we are united around Jesus, the one who is the perfect high priest forever?